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Payment Systems (PS)
Payment Control System (PCS)

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1 Purpose of Document

USDA DM 3515-002 states: "Agencies are responsible for initiating the PIA in the early stages of the development of a system and to ensure that the PIA is completed as part of the required System Life Cycle (SLC) reviews. Systems include data from applications housed on mainframes, personal computers, and applications developed for the Web and agency databases. Privacy must be considered when requirements are being analyzed and decisions are being made about data usage and system design. This applies to all of the development methodologies and system life cycles used in USDA.

Both the system owners and system developers must work together to complete the PIA. System owners must address what data are used, how the data are used, and who will use the data. System owners also need to address the privacy implications that result from the use of new technologies (e.g., caller identification). The system developers must address whether the implementation of the owner's requirements presents any threats to privacy." Payment System (PS) Payment Control System (PCS) affects the privacy of its users and the information stored within. This assessment is in accordance with NIST SP 800-37 *Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems*.

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2 System Information

System Information		
Agency:	Farm Service Agency	
System Name:	Payment Control System (PCS) Payment System (PS)	
System Type:	☐ Major Application☐ General Support System☒ Non-major Application	
System Categorization (per FIPS 199):	☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low	
Description of System:	This system is a reconciliation tool used by accountants and is used to balance the general ledger accounts pertaining to direct deposit (ACH - Automated Clearing House) payments made by FSA and NPS check payments disbursed through Treasury.	
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3 Data Information

3.1 Data Collection

No.	Question	Response
	Generally describe the data to be used in the system.	System verifies that all issued ACH and Treasury Check activity matches all ACH and Treasury Check paid activity and is used as a research tool for exception items.
2	Does the system collect Social Security Numbers (SSNs) or Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs)?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 3.
2.1	State the law or regulation that requires the collection of this information.	AUTHORITY - Section 31001(y) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134), codified at 31 U.S.C. 3325(d), requires Federal agencies to include the taxpayer identifying number (TIN) of all persons or organizations they pay whenever a request for payment is submitted to Federal payment officials. Departmental Regulation 2100-2, published February 12, 1997, requires all individuals and entities (including sponsoring organizations and corporations) doing business with USDA to furnish a TIN.
3	Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed? In other words, the data is absolutely needed and has significant and demonstrable bearing on the system's purpose as required by statute or by Executive order of the President.	⊠ Yes □ No
4	Sources of the data in the system.	CDS, FMS, GIMS, PCIMS, Federal Reserve Bank, Treasury
4.1	What data is being collected from the customer?	Tax Identification Number
4.2	What USDA agencies are providing data for use in the system?	FSA
4.3	What state and local agencies are providing data for use in the system?	FSA State and County Offices
4.4	From what other third party sources is data being collected?	Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, Treasury





No.	Question	Response
5	Will data be collected from sources outside your agency? For example, customers, USDA sources (i.e., NFC, RD, etc.) or Non-USDA sources.	Yes No – If NO, go to question 6.
5.1	How will the data collected from customers be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Customer data validation is performed by the systems which feed data to PCS.
5.2	How will the data collected from USDA sources be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Daily balancing comparing General Ledger activity and PCS activity.
5.3	How will the data collected from non-USDA sources be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Standard Accounting Practice Balance

3.2 Data Use

No.	Question	Response
6	Individuals must be informed in writing of the principal purpose of the information being collected from them. What is the principal purpose of the data being collected?	Reconciliation and research of payments (ACH and/or check).
7	Will the data be used for any other purpose?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 8.
7.1	What are the other purposes?	
8	Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed? In other words, the data is absolutely needed and has significant and demonstrable bearing on the system's purpose as required by statute or by Executive order of the President	Yes No No
9	Will the system derive new data or create previously unavailable data about an individual through aggregation from the information collected (i.e., aggregating farm loans by zip codes in which only one farm exists.)?	☐ Yes ☑ No – If NO, go to question 10.
9.1	Will the new data be placed in the individual's record (customer or employee)?	☐ Yes ☐ No
9.2	Can the system make determinations about customers or employees that would not be possible without the new data?	☐ Yes ☐ No





No.	Question	Response
9.3	How will the new data be verified for relevance and accuracy?	
10	Individuals must be informed in writing of the routine uses of the information being collected from them. What are the intended routine uses of the data being collected?	Reconciliation and research of payments (ACH and/or check).
11	Will the data be used for any other uses (routine or otherwise)?	☐ Yes ☐ No – If NO, go to question 12.
11.1	What are the other uses?	
12	Automation of systems can lead to the consolidation of data – bringing data from multiple sources into one central location/system – and consolidation of administrative controls. When administrative controls are consolidated, they should be evaluated so that all necessary privacy controls remain in place to the degree necessary to continue to control access to and use of the data. Is data being consolidated?	✓ Yes☐ No – If NO, go to question 13.
12.1	What controls are in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?	Access is on a need to know basis per FSA-13A.
13	Are processes being consolidated?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 14.
13.1	What controls are in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?	Access is on a need to know basis per FSA-13A.

3.3 Data Retention

No.	Question	Response
14	Is the data periodically purged from the system?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 15.
14.1	How long is the data retained whether it is on paper, electronic, in the system or in a backup?	ACH data is retained for 18 months; Treasury check data is retained for 7.25 years.
14.2	What are the procedures for purging the data at the end of the retention period?	Monthly batch processes.
14.3	Where are these procedures documented?	User requirements, Operations Manual.

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No.	Question	Response
15	While the data is retained in the system, what are the requirements for determining if the data is still sufficiently accurate, relevant, timely, and complete to ensure fairness in making determinations?	Security controls issued by the USDA.
16	Is the data retained in the system the minimum necessary for the proper performance of a documented agency function?	Yes No No

3.4 Data Sharing

No.	Question	Response
17	Will other agencies share data or have access to data in this system (i.e., international, federal, state, local, other, etc.)?	☐ Yes ☐ No – If NO, go to question 18.
17.1	How will the data be used by the other agency?	
17.2	Who is responsible for assuring the other agency properly uses the data?	
18	Is the data transmitted to another agency or an independent site?	☐ Yes ☐ No – If NO, go to question 19.
18.1	Is there appropriate agreement in place to document the interconnection and ensure the PII and/or Privacy Act data is appropriately protected?	
19	Is the system operated in more than one site?	☐ Yes ☐ No – If NO, go to question 20.
19.1	How will consistent use of the system and data be maintained in all sites?	

3.5 Data Access

No.	Question	Response
20	Who will have access to the data in the system (i.e., users, managers, system administrators, developers, etc.)?	FSA: Users, managers, System Administrators, developers
21	How will user access to the data be determined?	Security requests for logon IDs (FSA-13A)
21.1	Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding user access documented?	∀es No





No.	Question	Response
22	How will user access to the data be restricted?	No restrictions to viewing data. Update capabilities are restricted by User ID.
22.1	Are procedures in place to detect or deter browsing or unauthorized user access?	☐ Yes ☐ No
23	Does the system employ security controls to make information unusable to unauthorized individuals (i.e., encryption, strong authentication procedures, etc.)?	☐ Yes ☑ No

3.6 Customer Protection

No.	Question	Response
24	Who will be responsible for protecting the privacy rights of the customers and employees affected by the interface (i.e., office, person, departmental position, etc.)?	USDA Privacy Office
25	How can customers and employees contact the office or person responsible for protecting their privacy rights?	By contacting John Underwood, Privacy Officer, at john.underwood@kcc.usda.gov & 816.926.6992
26	A "breach" refers to a situation where data and/or information assets are unduly exposed. Is a breach notification policy in place for this system?	✓ Yes, Common FSA incident reporting processIf YES, go to question 27.✓ No
26.1	If NO, please enter the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) number with the estimated completion date.	
27	Consider the following: Consolidation and linkage of files and systems Derivation of data Accelerated information processing and decision making Use of new technologies Is there a potential to deprive a customer of due process rights (fundamental rules of fairness)?	☐ Yes ☐ No – If NO, go to question 28.
27.1	Explain how this will be mitigated?	
28	How will the system and its use ensure equitable treatment of customers?	FSA regulations





No.	Question	Response
29	Is there any possibility of treating customers or employees differently based upon their individual or group characteristics?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 30
29.1	Explain	

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4 System of Record

No.	Question	Response
30	Can the data be retrieved by a personal identifier? In other words, does the system actually retrieve data by the name of an individual or by some other unique number, symbol, or identifying attribute of the individual?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 31
30.1	How will the data be retrieved? In other words, what is the identifying attribute (i.e., employee number, social security number, etc.)?	
30.2	Under which Systems of Record (SOR) notice does the system operate? Provide number, name and publication date. (SORs can be viewed at www.access.GPO.gov .)	
30.3	If the system is being modified, will the SOR require amendment or revision?	☐ Yes ☐ No

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5 Technology

No.	Question	Response
31	Is the system using technologies in ways not previously employed by the agency (e.g., Caller-ID)?	☐ Yes ☐ No – If NO, the questionnaire is complete.
31.1	How does the use of this technology affect customer privacy?	

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6 Completion Instructions

Upon completion of this Privacy Impact Assessment for this system, the answer to OMB A-11, Planning, Budgeting, Acquisition and Management of Capital Assets, Part 7, Section E, Question 8c is:

1. Yes.

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